(b) what is the mechanism evolved to ensure that Kashmiri Pandit Refugee employees of the Jammu and Kashmir State are able to rejoin their civil posts; and

(c) the details of the assistance proposed to be given to each Pandit family to rehabilitate/reconstruct/ repair the properties burnt or damaged before or after the departure of the Pandits from the Valley?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) For the safe return of Kashmiri migrants, including those of the Pandit Community, and Government employees to their homes and callings/vocations in the Valley, concerted drive against militancy and various confidence building measures are being taken to create conditions conductive to their return. The Central Government is in constant touch with the State Government in this regard. The question of assistance for reconstruction of houses, etc. on their return to J&K would also be addressed taking into account the ex-gratia relief already paid to some migrants in respect of their properties destroyed in terrorist violence.

Loss of life and property due to Heavy snowfall and avalanches in Kashmir

1609. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the loss of life and property due to the heavy snowfall and avalanches in January, 1995 in Kashmir

(b) whether it is a fact that there was no fore-warning regarding these avalanches and whether such facilities are not available; and

(c) the details of relief given to the sufferers'.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER OFFICE (SHRI BHUNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) 60 persons died and 4 persons sustained injuries due to avalanches between Qazigund to Jawahar Tunnel on the National Highway during the month of January, 1995. Forecast/ warnings are given about heavy snow fall/rains on A. I. R../Doordarshan on the basis of forecast/warnings issued by the Meteorological Department. The State Government has also ordered an inquiry into the circumstances leading to this unfortunate calamity by a retired judge of the State High Court.

(c) me state Government paid Rs. 1 lakh each to the next of kin of those who died in the incident and Rs. 20,000/- each to those who sustained injuries, in addition to on-the-spot relief and rescue operations carried out by the State Authorities and various Central Organisations for immediate succour.

कश्मीर में आई०एस०आई० के एजेन्ट के रूप में कार्य कर रहे अधिकारी

1610. श्री संदर सिंह भंडारी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी प्राप्त हुई है कि कश्मीर में कार्यरत कुछ अधिकारी आई.एस.आई. के एजेंट के रूप में कार्य कर रहे हैं, यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) ऐसे अधिकारियों की संख्या कितनी है जिनकी विदेशों में तैनाती हुई है और वे लम्बी छुट्टियों पर गये हुए हैं; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इन अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ;